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TAGS: PREL, ET, TZ, UG, BY, CG, EG, FR, BE, SZ
SUBJECT: [] SOUNDING RPF KAGAME AGREES TO RESUME
TALKS AND RESPECT CEASEFIRE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DAS BUSHNELL ON APRIL
30, RPF COMMANDING GENERAL PAUL KAGAME SAID THE RPF WOULD
SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ARUSHA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
TALKS BEGINNING MAY 2 AND WOULD RESPECT, AS HE CLAIMED TO
HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, ANY CEASE-FIRE THAT CAN BE

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NEGOTIATED. SUCH A CEASE-FIRE HE ARGUED ~~WOULD DO~~ **CONFIDENTIAL**
NOTHING TO STOP THE MASSACRES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THOSE ARE
CONTINUING IN AREAS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THERE IS NO
FIGHTING BETWEEN GOR AND RPF FORCES. KAGAME VEHEMENTLY
DENIED THAT THE RPF HAD CLOSED THE BORDER WITH TANZANIA
AND SAID UNARMED CIVILIANS IN THEIR TERRITORY -- HUTU OR
TUTSI -- WOULD BE SAFE. HOWEVER, THE RPF WOULD CONTINUE
TO FIGHT ANYONE WHO ENGAGED THEM, INCLUDING CIVILIANS WHO
HAVE BEEN ARMED BY THE RWANDAN MILITARY.

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KAGAME EXPRESSED HIS "CONCERN AND BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT"

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS FOCUSING ON THE
FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARIES AND NOT ON THE
MASSACRES THAT CONTINUE BEHIND GOR CONTROLLED LINES.
FURTHERMORE, HE WENT ON, NO ONE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING
THOSE WHO PLAN THE MASSACRES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
ACTIONS. THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS IS DIRECTED, HE SAID,
AND AN EFFECTIVE CONDEMNATION OF THE "CRIMINALS" WAS
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NEEDED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

4. KAGAME BRISTLED AT REPORTS THAT THE RPF HAD CLOSED THE
BORDER WITH TANZANIA AND VEHEMENTLY DENIED THEY HAD EVER
DONE SO. IN POINT OF FACT, HE SAID, IT WAS THE GOT WHO
HAD PREVENTED THE INITIAL GROUP OF TUTSI REFUGEES FROM
CROSSING. IT WAS ONLY WHEN THE FLOOD OF HUTUS BEGAN THAT
THE BORDER WAS OPENED. HE SAID HE INTENDED TO PUT THE
BORDER QUESTION TO THE GOT AT ARUSHA AND WOULD ALSO ASK
WHY TUTSI SUPPORTERS IN TANZANIA WERE BEING ARRESTED.

5. ASKED IF THE RPF WOULD RESPECT A CEASE-FIRE KAG ME
SAID THAT, OF COURSE, THEY WOULD. THEY HAD INITIATED
SEVERAL CEASE-FIRES, EACH BROKEN BY THE GOR. "NOW HE
SAID, EVERYBODY IS AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO.

6. BUSHNELL TOLD KAGAME THAT HE WAS WRONG IN THINKING
THAT THE WORLD WAS IGNORING THE MASSACRES AND REFERRED TO
TWO PUBLIC STATEMENTS PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD MADE, ONE
CALLING ON SPECIFICALLY NAMED GOR LEADERS TO STOP THE
KILLING. SHE STRESSED THAT ONLY AN AGREEMENT BY BOTH
SIDES TO STOP THE VIOLENCE COULD END THE CATASTROPHE
RWANDANS NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN. IT WAS CRITICALLY
IMPORTANT, SHE SAID, THAT THE RPF NOT DETER ANY MOVEMENT

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OF REFUGEES AND THAT THEY AVOID AT ALL COSTS THE ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
TEMPTATION OF REPRISALS. SHE TOLD KAGAME SHE WAS URGING
THE GOR TO A CEASE-FIRE AND ASKED KAGAME TO CALL HER BACK
ON MAY 1. HE AGREED TO DO SO.

7. COMMENT. KAGAME'S CALL CAME IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
TO CONTACT BUSHNELL PUT FORWARD BY HER THROUGH A THIRD
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PARTY KAGAME WENT TO CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO TRACK HER
DOWN LATE ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SEEMED ANXIOUS TO
TELL HIS STORY.

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END COMMENT.

8. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZED CONSIDERED . TALBOTT

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